

SUNDAY MASS Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9 am, 11 am WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday 9 am Wednesday 9 am Thursday 9 am Friday 9 am Saturday 9 am		The Sacrament of Reconciliation Is available 30 minutes before each Mass, between 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning, or by appointment. Eucharist Adoration Half an hour before each weekday Mass St Joseph's Church	HOLY ROSARY Tuesday to Friday 8:30am St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1pm St Joseph's Parish Centre 15 Decade-Rosary Mary Untier of Knots 
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St Joseph's Parish is committed to the Safeguarding of Children and Young People in all aspects of Parish life.

To subscribe to St Joseph's Parish email list please email chelsea@cam.org.au

The solemn obligation for baptised Catholics to attend regular Sunday Mass has been restored throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Recently Deceased

Barry Tucker

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Claire Aziz, Lina Blake, Henfi Chun, Margaret Dunne, Rick Hayes, Jessie Jackson, Juliette Ronald, Josephine Sanjorja, Danielle Spencer, Toni (Marie) Wilton, Baby Area Maria (Cathy Meehan's Great Granddaughter)

Anniversaries

Peg and Jack Burns, Elmo Holdenbottle

Special Intentions

Repose of the soul of Claude Jansz, For deceased members of the Knights of the Southern Cross and their families, Thanksgiving from Neville Alwyn, Deceased members of the Alwyn and D'Silva families

New Liturgical year commences 30/11/2025—Year A

30th November; 1st of Advent A

1st R: Is 2:1-5

2nd R: Rom 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

7th December; 2nd of Advent A

1st R: Is 11:1-10

2nd R: Rom 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH CHELSEA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30TH NOVEMBER 2025

To the Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After months of prayer, preparation, and great hope across our Parishes, schools, and communities, we now stand to welcome to Melbourne **the Australian Catholic Youth Festival**. Very soon, 6,000 young people from right across Australia and the Pacific will be travelling to our city to celebrate their faith, deepen their discipleship, and encounter the living Christ in the heart of His Church.

Thanks be to God, the Festival has **reached full capacity**, an extraordinary sign of faith among our young people! Though all tickets are now sold out for the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (a gentle reminder that only ticketed participants will be admitted to the Centre, including for the Final Mass), our Archdiocese has a vital role to play. I warmly encourage everyone - Clergy, religious, parishioners, families, school communities, and movements - to celebrate Eucharist and prayer in their local communities and then join the gathering participants for the **Opening Melbourne Catholic Festa at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 30 November commencing at 1:00pm**, and to accompany our young pilgrims with prayer, support, and joyful presence along the pilgrimage route to the Festival site.

This will be a moment of grace for the whole Church in Melbourne: a time to welcome, a time to pray, and a time to bear witness to the hope that lies within us.

Opening Day - St Patrick's Cathedral - 30 November

I invite you to stand alongside our young people as they begin these days of joy and encounter. The program will be:

1:30 pm - Melbourne Catholic Festa: A celebration of the beauty and diversity of our faith communities gathering on the Cathedral forecourt.

2:30 pm - Reception of the WYO Cross and Icon: Powerful symbols that have strengthened young Catholics across the globe, calling us to renew faith and mission.

3:00 pm - Pilgrimage Walk: A 5km journey from the Cathedral to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, led by the Cross and Icon. (Please note: only ticketed pilgrims will enter the MCEC). A shorter return-path option is also available for those who wish to support part of the journey.

How You Can Support:

Join us in person at the Melbourne Catholic Festa, Line the walking pilgrimage route as a sign of encouragement and witness. Bring parish, school and community banners to show our unity and joy! (information on the Archdiocesan website), **Offer a warm Melbourne welcome** to all who travel to our city in faith, and **Pray intentionally** for our pilgrims, our youth ministers, our families, and our clergy during these coming days. **Archbishop Peter Comensoli**



**FEELING SICK?
PLEASE STAY HOME**

Please do not attend Mass if you are unwell.
There are no numbers restrictions on attendees at church.
Face masks are no longer mandatory inside the church.
Please use the hand sanitiser provided.

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER
4:30pm Junior Legion of Mary—PC

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER
Altar Society
Liturgical Year A commences
11:00am Celebrating Gavan O'Donnell at Mass—St Joseph's Church followed by Carols in the Hall, Farewell address and family picnic
Australian Catholic Youth Festival commences

MONDAY 1 DECEMBER
10:00am Divine Mercy PG—PC—First Monday - Prayers for Vocations

WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER
12:00pm ANIMA Christmas Lunch—Chelsea RSL
1:00pm—15 Decade Rosary Mary Untier of Knots—Parish Centre
6:30pm Legion of Mary Chelsea—PC

FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER
9:00am Mass with Anointing of the Sick—St Joseph's Church with refreshments at conclusion of Mass



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Pledge \$ 2,603
Weekly average \$ 2,699.61



St Vincent de Paul Society
Donations to Vinnies are gratefully accepted in the Blue Vinnie's Bin in the narthex. Thank you!!!
Week 1 Canned Food only—
soups, tinned spaghetti, baked beans, tuna etc



Congratulations to Genevieve and Maxwell Kerr on their Baptism this weekend and to their Mum, Min who will be received into the Catholic Church at the same time!



CHURCH WORKING BEE

Saturday 13th December 2025
10:00 until midday. Let's have our Church sparkling in time for the birth of our Lord!!! Volunteer lists are in the Narthex!



Altar Society Collection

Last Sunday of each month
This monthly collection provides for flowers, upkeep of the altar linens and vestments, provision of bread, wine, candles, cleaning etc. for the celebration of Mass. Thanks to our wonderful Altar Society volunteers who ensure that St Joseph's is a beautiful place of worship.



Knights of the Southern Cross

Mass for deceased members of KSC and widows.



Sunday 30th November
11:00am



Can you please spare some time to sit with Jesus while Father hears confessions in the lead up to Christmas? Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Tuesday 23rd of December 6:30pm—7:30pm in St Joseph's Church. Sign up sheet in the narthex. Thank you!



The Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Group has finished up for the year and will recommence on the 3rd of February 2026. Thank you!



DAVID—the movie—In cinemas 18 December 2025—In an effort to save the Kingdom of Israel from the philistines, a young Bethlehem shepherd and poet/warrior named David, who is predestined to become the new King of Israel, embarks on a journey from beyond the shadow of the philistine giant Goliath in an attempt to show the Israelites that true power lies not from within Saul's kingship but in their faith of God and freedom from their enemies.

HOUR OF GRACE

Monday 8th December 12:00pm to 1:00pm



St Joseph's Parish Centre Mary MacKillop Chapel

Refreshments to follow.
Enquiries Sue Hyde 0408 547 791.

Our Lady of Montichiari: "It is my wish that every year, on December 8, at noon, the hour of grace for the world will be celebrated. Through this devotion you will obtain many spiritual and bodily graces. Our Lord, my Divine Son Jesus, will send His superabundant mercy if good people continue to pray for their sinful brothers."



From all who attended the St Joseph's Care and Concern Lunch on Wednesday 26th November. A wonderful time was had by all, with delicious food, caring volunteers and terrific entertainment. Thanks to Sue and the Care & Concern team!!!

Anima Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 3rd Dec 2025
12 noon to 3pm, Chelsea RSL
Thames Promenade
\$50 per head

includes Festive 2 course meal plus soft drinks, teas/coffees

Bookings

After the 9am Sunday Mass or by Cash/Credit Card to Maree in the Parish Office
Payable by Sunday 30 Nov

For all enquiries, and if you have any dietary requests, please ring **Daphne 0439 006 494**

Raffle – Great Prizes

includes Air Fryer and Cooper Desk Pro Folding Desk
3 tickets for \$5



There will be an additional Mass at 9:00am on **Monday the 8th of December** in St Joseph's Church for the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**



Join us as we celebrate
GAVAN O'DONNELL
After 44 years in Catholic Education, including 35+ years as a principal and 19 years with the St Joseph's community, Gavan O'Donnell is retiring. Join us to honour his extraordinary legacy.

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER
11:00AM Mass
12:15pm Carols in The Hall
12:45pm Farewell Address
1:00 -2:30pm Family Picnic and BBQ*
*Sausage and Bread
let's celebrate Gavan together!

